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Rome, April 2. N. S.

THE Cardinal *Fourbin* had Audience the 30th of the last month, and earnestly pressed the Pope to grant the Investiture of of *Naples* and *Sicily* to the King of *Spain*; but received no satisfactory Answer. A Congregation was held this week, where 'twas resolved, to raise 3000 Foot and 1000 Horse, besides the Regiments of Foot, for which, Commissions are already given out; and 500 Men more are to be raised in the Island of *Corsica* for the Pope's Service. The Emperor's Ambassador has acquainted the Pope, with his Imperial Majesty's Intentions of sending an Army into *Italy*, and assured him, That particular Care would be taken that the Ecclesiastical Territories shall not suffer any Prejudice thereby. The Pope has named Cardinal *Sperelli* to examine the Pretensions of the Duke of *Savoy*, in relation to the Right of Presenting to the Ecclesiastical Benefices in *Piedmont*. The Captain and Soldiers who were Imprisoned during the last Conclave, for firing upon the *French* Ambassador's Servants, when his Excellency came to rescue Prince *Vaheni* from the Sbirries, are set at liberty; but such of the Prince's Servants who were confined at the same time, do still remain in Prison.

Venice, April 8. The Senate have resolved to observe an exact Neutrality between the *Germans* and the *French* and *Spaniards*, and have sent Directions to several of their Ministers abroad, to notifie the same at the Courts where they reside. An Express arrived here this week with Advice, that the Count *de Tesse* came the 5th Instant before *Mantua* with a Body of 14000 *French*, and obliged the Duke to receive a Garrison of 3000 Men into that Place; about 4000 are quartered in the neighbourhood of the Town, and the rest of these Forces marched towards *Modena*. This has very much alarmed our Senate, who immediately sent Orders to Proveditore-General *Molino* to secure the Passes on the side of *Verona*, and to have a watchful Eye upon the Motions of the *French* Troops; and all possible diligence is used to put our Frontier Places in a good Condition of Defence, and to compleat the new Levies, which will make up our Forces in *Italy* 20000 Men, besides the Militia.

Madrid, April 7. The King's Publick Entry into this Place is appointed for the 14th Instant; The Magistrates have erected several Triumphal Arches, and there is to be a Bull-Feast and other Publick Diversions on this occasion. It has been resolved at this Court to augment the *Spanish* Forces by new Levies, to Fortifie *Gibraltar*, and to fit out 6 Men of War to join a *French* Squadron in the *West-Indies*; but these Resolutions are not yet put in execution for want of Money. Monsieur *Du Caze*, who lately came hither from the *French* Court, has been several times in Conference with some of the Members of the Council of the *Indies*, and is since returned to *France*.

Vienna, April 9. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* continues still here, to adjust some Matters with this Court, in relation to his particular Interests; He intends to go from hence to his House in *Bohemia*, and to repair to his Command on the *Rhine* in the beginning of *May*. The Emperor's Troops continue their march to *Italy*, and several of the Regiments designed for this Service, are daily expected in our Neighbourhood from *Hungary*. No day is yet fixed for Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*'s departure. The Marquis *de Villars*, Envoy from *France*, talks of returning home; and 'tis said, that since the Duke of *Savoy* has openly declared himself to be in the Interests of *France*, his Ambassador will be required to retire from this Court.

Francfort, April 17. The Diet of the Circle of *Swabia* is assembled at *Ulm*; and 'tis said, they have under Consideration the Propolals that are made, in order to an Association between them and the Neighbouring Circles for their common Security. They write from *Ratisbon*, that Baron *Metternich*, the King of *Prussia*'s Minister at the Imperial Diet, has received Orders to go to the Court of the Elector Palatine at *Dusseldorp*.

Cologne, April 19. The Electoress of *Bavaria* left this Place the 16th Instant, intending to go by Water as far as *Wertheim*. Commissions are given out for raising 4 Regiments of Horse, 1 of Dragoons, and 4 of Foot, for the Elector of *Cologne*. The Bishop of *Munster* has likewise ordered new Levies to be made, to augment his Forces to the same number they were during the last War. Mr. *Stepney*, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *England*, arrived here the 15th Instant, and was complimented by 3 Deputies from the Magistrates of this Place, who made him the usual Present, and yesterday he continued his Journey to *Vienna*.

Hamburgh, April 19. The Duke of *Holstein Gottorp* is shortly expected here from *Tonningen*, in his way to the Dutchy of *Bremen*. They write from *Hanover*, that the Elector of *Hanover* is gone to *Hernhausen*; and that Count *Rapach*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor, is arrived there from *Vienna*, with a Commission to treat with the Elector about the Forces he is to send into the Emperor's Service. Letters from *Copenhagen* say, an Agreement is made between the King of *Denmark* and the States-General of the United Provinces, concerning